(b) whether it is also a fact that link roads connecting the villages are also in poor condition;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefore; and

(d) what steps have been taken and are being taken to put them in good condition in a time-bound manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (d) Constitutionally Government of India is responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways only. Development and maintenance of all roads other than National Highways is the responsibility of the concerned State Government. All National Highways in the country including the State of Uttar Pradesh are being maintained in traffic worthy condition within the available funds.

कम वजन के एल॰पी॰जी॰ सिलेंडरों की आपूर्ति के विरूद्ध शिकायतें

1671. **श्रीमती मालती शर्मा:**
श्री राजनाथ सिंह:

क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को वसंत विहार, नई दिल्ली के उपभोक्ताओं द्वारा मैसर्स रिप्रो गैस सर्विस, मुनीरका, डी॰डी॰ए॰ मार्किट, नई दिल्ली के विरूद्ध कोई शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि यह फर्म कम वजन के गैस सिलेंडर सप्लाई कर रही है और उसमें भी काफी समय लगता है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने स्थिति को सुधारने के लिए क्या कार्रवाई की है?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के (राज्य मंत्री) कैप्टन शर्मा): (क) से (घ) इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन ने यह बताया है कि जनवरी 95 से सितम्बर 95 की अवधि के दौरान इस वितरक के विरूद्ध देर से रिफिल की आपूर्तियों के बारे में एक प्रमाणिक शिकायत मिली थी। संशोधित विपणन अनुशासन दिशानिर्देशों के अनुसार चेतावनी पत्र जारी किया गया है तथा वितरक को अपनी सेवाओं में सुधार करने का सुझाव दिया गया है।

Deteriorating Environmental Conditions

1672. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister for ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether environmental conditions in Urban India are deteriorating sharply;

(b) whether unlimited growth of both light and heavy vehicles and unsatisfactory methods of solid wastes disposal are mainly responsible for this; and

(c) what policy framewok in this regard has been evolved to assist the State Governments to check further detarioration and bring about improvement in the existing conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) There has been steady increase in urban population in all major cities in the country without commensurate development of facilities such as housing, water supply and treatment, sanitation and transportation. This has led to deterioration in environmental conditions.

(b) Pollution from automobiles, consisting of both light as well as heavy duty vehicles, is the single major source of air pollution in all major cities in the country. In addition, generation of large quantities of solid wastes which are disposed of without following proper scientific practices, is a cause for environmental degradation in urban areas.

(c) The Government has formulated a National Policy for Abatement of Pollution which is a comprehensive approach to integrate environmental and economic aspects for achieving desired objectives. The policy envisages the use of a mix of instruments, namely, technological, regulatory and fiscal

measures for abatement of pollution from all sources. The State Governments have been requested to implement the Policy.

A number of measures are under implementation for improvement of the urban environment. These include the following:

(i) As a follow-up of the Ganga action Plan, A National River Action Plan to clean 37 of the most polluted stretches of rivers in the country has been finalised. A National River conservation Directorate has been set up under the Ministry of Environment and Forests to assist the State Governments to augment the sewage treatment facilities of municipalites covering these stretches.

(ii) The Ministry of Health has constituted a National Technology Mission and a sub-group, for making recommendations on the management of urban solid wastes.

(iii) A National Waste Management Council has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Minister for Environment and Forests. financial assistance has been provided to State Governments of 17 cities for conducting surveys on urban municipal wastes.

(iv) Waste management has been included as one of the themes for the National Environmental Awareness Campaign.

(v) Studies have been initiated on the critical sectors such as water supply and treatment, sewerage and sanitation, urban air pollution and solid waste management, with a view to developing strategies for improvement of urban environment.

(vi) A Technology Mission on Flyash has been set up under the Ministry of Science and Technology. Special emphasis has been laid on promoting the use of flyash in various fields and the State Governments have been asked to prepare a perspective action plan for utilisation of flyash by the turn of the century. Fiscal concessions are given for manufacturing bricks out of flyash.

(vii) Master Plans for development of major cities have been prepared. State Governments are advised to incorporate in their plans, the long-term requirements of city transportation.

(viii) Standards for emissions from vehicles at the manufacturing stage are being made progressively stricter. A programme for introducing unleaded petrol and catalytic converter-fitted vehicles has been launched. A programme for introduction of very low-emission vehicles and cleaner fuels by the turn of the century has been prepared.

(ix) Financial assistance is given for training programmes for personnel of the Transport Departments of various States. Programmes are organised on methods of inspection and calibration of testing of emissions from on-road vehicles.

राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों को चार लेनों में बदलना

1673. **श्री रामजीलाल:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) चालू पंचवर्षीय योजना के अंत तक किन-किन राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों को चार लेनों में बदलने का विचार है और हरियाणा में ऐसे राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार दिल्ली, रोहतक, हिसार व सिरसा राजमार्ग को भी चार लेनों में बदलने का विचार रखती है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके लिए चालू वर्ष में कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की गई है; और

(घ) इसे जल्दी से पूरा करने के लिए सरकार कया कार्रवाई कर रही है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० राजशेखर मूर्ति): (क) 8वीं पंच वर्षीय योजना (1992-97) में हरियाणा में रा० रा० सं० 8 और 10 पर 107 कि० मी० लम्बाई सहित विभिन्न राज्यों से गुजरने वाले रा० रा० सं० 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8सी०, 10, 24 और 37 पर कुल लगभग 655 कि० मी० की लम्बाई में 4 लेन बनाने का प्रावधान है।